

# COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL & ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

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#### STAFF REPORT

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**REQUEST:** Review and Response to City Council Bill 19-0373: Urban Renewal – Canton Industrial Area – Amendment

**RECOMMENDATION:** CHAP has no objection to the amendment and defers to Planning.

**STAFF:** Stacy Montgomery

**PETITIONER(S):** Introduced by City Councilmembers Cohen and Scott at the Request of Refinery Canton, LLC

**SUMMARY**: City Council Bill 19-0373 proposes to revise the boundary area of the Canton Industrial Area Urban Renewal Plan to remove a certain property (1200 South Haven Street) and to revise certain exhibits to reflect the changes.

# SITE/HISTORIC DISTRICT

The Canton Industrial Area is located in southeast Baltimore City, south of the Canton and Brewers Hill National Register Historic Districts. The Urban Renewal Area is generally bounded by the water on the south and west, Ponca and Newkirk Streets to the east, and O'Donnell Street to the north. The only historic site located within the boundaries of the Urban Renewal Plan is the Liberty Ship S.S. John W. Brown, which is docked at the southwestern edge of the area and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The site to be removed, 1200 South Haven Street, is a triangular shaped parcel at the northern end of the plan area that is bounded by Haven Street to the east, Boston Street to the south, and the bed of a former rail line to the north and west. The parcel was historically used for oil refining activities and contains no historic structures.

### BACKGROUND

There have been no prior commission actions for this Urban Renewal Plan Area.

#### **PROPOSAL**

Bill 19-0373 Urban Renewal – Canton Industrial Area – Amendment will remove the property at 1200 South Haven Street from the plan area and will thus revise the district boundaries.

# ANALYSIS

CHAP staff finds that the proposed amendments will have no impact on designated historic properties. The removal of the property from the Urban Renewal Plan boundaries will allow for residential/mixed-use redevelopment of the site.

# RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends a finding of no objection to the amendment and defers to Planning regarding land use and zoning.

Eric Holcomb Director

# **MAPS & IMAGES**



Canton Industrial Area (Outlined in Red and Filled with Yellow) and location of site to be removed from boundaries and the one historic resource within the Urban Renewal Plan boundaries.